

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-20.

Upon review of the allowed Claims, Applicants noted that the claims recite certain elements "coupled to" a liquid crystal display panel. In particular, see the fourth terminals in Claims 1 and 4, the first and second common voltage generation circuits in Claim 7, the common voltage generation circuit in Claim 12, and the third terminal in Claim 18. Whereas the claims are directed to a liquid crystal drive device *per se*, Applicants have become concerned that the expression "coupled to" could be misconstrued to suggest that the claims call for a combination including both the claimed drive device and a display panel.

Accordingly, this Amendment revises the claim language to recite the aforementioned elements as --to be coupled-- to a liquid crystal display panel, thus avoiding the potential misinterpretation of the claims. The claims have also been revised to correct apparent typographical and grammatical errors.

As amended, the claims remain patentable consistent with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth in the Notice of Allowability. Accordingly, this

Amendment requires no additional search or examination, and only minimal work on the part of the Office. Further, as the need for this Amendment was not discovered until the claims were reviewed after receipt of the Notice of Allowance on first action, the Amendment could not have been made earlier.

Applicants therefore respectfully request entry of this Amendment under the provisions of Rule 312.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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